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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 September 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. **Claims 1 – 24** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cox et al. (US Patent number 6,256,515).

Regarding **claim 1**, Cox discloses that a system for restricting features in a wireless network, comprising:

at least one base station (100, 60 in Fig. 1); and

at least one database (62, 120a in Fig. 1) comprising representations of rules for restriction on features of at least one terminal (20 in Fig. 1) wirelessly connected to the at least one base station (100, 60 in Fig. 1) (Fig. 1, 3 and column 10, lines 10 – column 11, lines 58).

Regarding **claim 2**, Cox discloses that the restriction on features depends at least on the time of day (Fig. 1, 3 and column 8, lines 32 – column 9, lines 57).

Regarding **claim 3**, Cox discloses that the restriction on features depends at least on the priority of the at least one terminal (Fig. 1, 3 and column 10, lines 10 – column 11, lines 58).

Regarding **claim 4**, Cox discloses that the restriction on features depends at least on whether a communication is incoming or outgoing (Fig. 2, 3 and column 5, lines 27 – column 6, lines 36).

Regarding **claim 5**, Cox discloses that the restriction on features depends at least on whether a communication is designated as an emergency (Fig. 1, 3, column 11, lines 14 – column 12, lines 53, and column 1, lines 12 - 67).

Regarding **claim 6**, Cox discloses that the terminal is a wireless telephone (Fig. 1 and column 4, lines 23 – 49).

Regarding **claim 7**, Cox discloses that the restriction on features is that the terminal may not ring (Fig. 1, 3, column 6, lines 6 – 19, and column 9, lines 21 – 65).

Regarding **claim 8**, Cox discloses that whether the rules apply depends at least on whether the at least one terminal is wirelessly connected to the at least one base station but otherwise does not depend on the location of the at least one terminal (Fig. 1, 3 and column 8, lines 32 – column 9, lines 57).

Regarding **claim 9**, Cox discloses all the limitation, as discussed in claim 1. Furthermore, Cox further discloses that determining which one of a plurality of terminals is associated with an incoming communication (abstract, Fig. 1, 3, and column 2, lines 42 – column 3, lines 55);

accessing at least one database to look up rules governing restriction on a base station connected to the one of a plurality of terminals (Fig. 1, 3 and column 10, lines 10 – column 11, lines 58);

activating the one of a plurality of terminals if allowed, wherein the allowance depends at least on the restriction on the base station (Fig. 1, 3 and column 7, lines 44 – column 8, lines 67).

Regarding **claim 10**, Cox discloses all the limitation, as discussed in claims 1 and 9. Furthermore, Cox further discloses that the allowance depends at least on the restriction on the one of a plurality of terminals (Fig. 1, 3 and column 7, lines 44 – column 8, lines 67).

Regarding **claim 11**, Cox discloses all the limitation, as discussed in claims 8 and 9.

Regarding **claim 12**, Cox discloses all the limitation, as discussed in claims 1 and 5.

Regarding **claim 13**, Cox discloses all the limitation, as discussed in claims 1 and 2.

Regarding **claim 14**, Cox discloses that the allowance on features depends at least on the format of communication (Fig. 1, 3 and column 10, lines 10 – column 11, lines 58).

Regarding **claim 15**, Cox discloses all the limitation, as discussed in claims 1 and 6.

Regarding **claim 16**, Cox discloses all the limitation, as discussed in claims 1 and 7.

Regarding **claim 17**, Cox discloses all the limitation, as discussed in claim 1. Furthermore, Cox further discloses that accessing at least one database to look up rules

governing restriction on a base station receiving a signal from a terminal associated with a request for an outgoing communication (Fig. 1, 3 and column 5, lines 40 – column 6, lines 65); and

connecting the terminal for the outgoing communication if allowed, wherein the allowance depends at least on the restriction on the base station (Fig. 1, 3, column 7, lines 44 – column 8, lines 67, and column 5, lines 40 – column 6, lines 65).

Regarding **claim 18**, Cox discloses all the limitation, as discussed in claims 10 and 17.

Regarding **claim 19**, Cox discloses that the allowance on features depends at least on whether the terminal is inside a predetermined room (i.e. a police department, which is a predetermined room see column 1, lines 12 – 25).

Regarding **claim 20**, Cox discloses all the limitation, as discussed in claims 12 and 17.

Regarding **claim 21**, Cox discloses all the limitation, as discussed in claims 13 and 17.

Regarding **claim 22**, Cox discloses all the limitation, as discussed in claims 14 and 17.

Regarding **claim 23**, Cox discloses all the limitation, as discussed in claims 15 and 17.

Regarding **claim 24**, Cox discloses all the limitation, as discussed in claims 11 and 17.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Pepe et al. (US Patent number 5,742,668) discloses Electronic Messaging Network.

Schmidt et al. (US Patent number 6,215,994) discloses Over the Air Programming of Mobile Station.

Reichelt et al. (US Patent number 6,295,447) discloses Enabling the Control of Execution of Features in a Telecommunications Network.

Sanchez (US Patent number 6,449,479) discloses Mobile Subscriber Service Modification.

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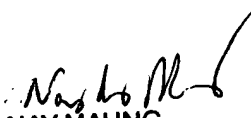
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